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Mordaf Hael [Mordaf *ap* Serwan]

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Mordaf Hael [Mordaf *ap* Serwan] (*fl.* c. 550–c. 575), dynast, was the son of Serwan ap Cedig. He was regarded by later Welsh tradition as one of the three *hael* or 'generous men'. A late account (c.1200) claims that he was one of the three northern rulers who came south to Gwynedd to avenge the killing by Rhun Hir ap Maelgwn of Elidir Mwynfawr during a succession struggle on the death of Maelgwn Gwynedd in 547 or 549. His allies are said to have included Rhydderch Hen of Strathclyde. However, this tradition is late and has little to recommend it historically.

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